

Middle Syndicate Newsletter

Term One 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The year has started well, with many happy faces- both children and staff. We only have four teachers in the Middle Syndicate this year as Mrs Thompson (Miss Jobbins) is now teaching our New Entrants. As most of you know we are still in the Marist block and hopefully we will move into the classrooms behind the Angel block in Term 2.

Our Beginning of Year Mass was celebrated last Wednesday at St Patrick's Church, with Father John Mori.

The children are playing cricket this term. Grant MacFarland and Richard McGrath are organising and coaching the Y5/6 teams and we would like help with the second team. We also have a Year3/4 team which we have received offers of help with.

We also have some children playing T-Ball on Saturday morning. These are the teams that began playing in Term 4.

The children are learning and practising their athletic skills in P.E. and we are going to hold our Athletic Sports on the 19th March beginning at 9.30.

We expect all the children to bring their P.E. uniform to school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to wear when we have P.E. The St Patrick's P.E. top is available from the school office- cost \$40.00

A group of children have joined the Vinnies. These children meet at lunchtime once a fortnight to organise and prepare gifts to give in the community. They also raise money and visit local rest homes during the year. Ms Sutton is in charge of this group of community-minded pupils.

In week 11 of the term the children are going to be learning first aid. The Red Cross are coming into school to deliver this programme.

In our Topic/Inquiry study this term, we are looking at our communities and cultures. Your children will be/ are bringing home questions and work to complete about their families and culture. If you are able to help with any of this, please let your child's teacher know.

As we now have the three year groups in our syndicate we have decided to try another camp for our year 6 pupils. The Year 4s and 5s will go to Wakarara in Central Hawkes Bay and the Year 6s are going to go to Micamp in Taupo. There will be a meeting of Year 6 parents later in the term to discuss fundraising in order to keep costs of the camp to a minimum.

The camp at Wakarara will still cost \$50.00 per pupil with a family cost of \$80.00.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Art Deco picnic next week and the Parent/Whanau meeting.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or if there is something you think we should know about your child. We are working together, for the best education for your children.

Julie, Elise, Anne, Kate,

Middle Syndicate Team